

In the Claims:

1-3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) A fuel dispensing system for enhancing cash transactions that occur as part of a fueling transaction comprising:

- a) a fuel dispenser associated with a control system and a receiver adapted to receive signals including identification indicia from a remote communications unit associated with a customer, said receiver operatively associated with said control system to enable said control system to retrieve the identification indicia; and
- b) a cash transaction indicator associated with said control system and adapted to signal said control system of a cash transaction corresponding with the fueling transaction; [[and]]
- c) said control system adapted to create customer related information and associate the customer related information with the identification indicia received from said remote communications unit in response to a cash transaction being indicated by said cash transaction indicator; and
- d) said customer related information corresponds to customer change resulting at least in part from the cash transaction corresponding with the fueling transaction, said control system adapted to determine the customer change for the transaction, wherein said control system is adapted to apply a previous credit for increasing the customer change for the fueling transaction.

5-9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) A fuel dispensing system for enhancing cash transactions that occur as part of a fueling transaction comprising:

- a) a fuel dispenser associated with a control system and a receiver adapted to receive signals including identification indicia from a remote communications unit associated with a customer, said receiver operatively associated with said control system to enable said control system to retrieve the identification indicia; and

- b) a cash transaction indicator associated with said control system and adapted to signal said control system of a cash transaction corresponding with the fueling transaction; [[and]]
- c) said control system adapted to create customer related information and associate the customer related information with the identification indicia received from said remote communications unit in response to a cash transaction being indicated by said cash transaction indicator, wherein said control system is adapted to apply a previous credit for increasing change associated with the fueling transaction; and
- d) said cash transaction indicator is located on said dispenser and is actuated by a customer when a cash-based fueling transaction is desired.

11. (Currently Amended) The fuel dispensing system of claim 10 wherein said fuel dispenser includes a cash acceptor operatively associated with said cash transaction indicator for conducting the cash transaction.

12. (Currently Amended) The fuel dispensing system of claim 10 wherein said control system is operatively associated with a transaction terminal apart from said fuel dispenser for conducting the cash transaction.

13. (Currently Amended) A fuel dispensing system for enhancing cash transactions that occur as part of a fueling transaction comprising:

- a) a fuel dispenser associated with a control system and a receiver adapted to receive signals including identification indicia from a remote communications unit associated with a customer, said receiver operatively associated with said control system to enable said control system to retrieve the identification indicia; and
- b) a cash transaction indicator associated with said control system and adapted to signal said control system of a cash transaction corresponding with the fueling transaction; [[and]]
- c) said control system adapted to create customer related information and associate the customer related information with the identification indicia received from said remote communications unit in response to a cash transaction being indicated by said cash

transaction indicator, wherein said control system is adapted to apply a previous credit for increasing change associated with the fueling transaction; and

- d) said cash transaction indicator is located at a transaction terminal apart from said dispenser and is actuated when a customer desires a cash-based fueling transaction.

14. (Currently Amended) The fuel dispensing system of claim [[11]] 13 wherein said transaction terminal is a point-of-sale terminal in a fuel station store operatively associated with said dispenser.

15-25. (Canceled).

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26. (Currently Amended) A fuel dispensing system for enhancing cash transactions that occur as part of a fueling transaction comprising:

- a) a fuel dispenser including a dispenser control system and a receiver adapted to receive signals including identification indicia from a remote communications unit associated with a customer, said receiver operatively associated with said dispenser control system to enable said dispenser control system to retrieve the identification indicia;
- b) a central control system operatively associated with and located apart from the dispenser control system, wherein said central control system is adapted to apply a previous credit for increasing change associated with the fueling transaction; and
- c) a cash transaction indicator associated with said control systems and adapted to signal said control system systems of a cash transaction corresponding with the fueling transaction;
- d) said control systems having associated memory and operating to provide customer transaction information and associate the customer transaction information with the identification indicia when a cash-based fueling transaction is indicated by said cash transaction indicator; and
- e) said cash transaction indicator is located at said fuel dispenser at a transaction terminal.

27. (Currently Amended) The fuel dispensing system of claim 26 wherein said cash transaction indicator is a customer actuatable keypad on said fuel dispenser.
28. (Currently Amended) The fuel dispensing system of claim 26 wherein said cash transaction indicator is associated with a cash acceptor on the fuel dispenser, said cash transaction indicator indicating a cash transaction when a customer inserts cash in said cash acceptor.

29-38. (Canceled).

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39. (Currently Amended) A fuel dispenser system comprising:
- a customer input device, display, and interrogator operatively associated with a dispenser control system;
 - said customer input device and display adopted to provide a customer interface;
 - said interrogator adapted to communicate with a remote communications unit associated with a customer;
 - said customer interface adapted to provide a cash transaction input for the customer to select a cash transaction corresponding to a fueling transaction;
 - said dispenser control system adapted to:
receive an indication from said customer interface that a customer has selected a cash-based fueling transaction;
cause said interrogator to retrieve identification indicia from the remote communications unit associated with the customer in response to receiving the indication;
apply a previous credit for increasing change associated with the fueling transaction;
and
associate customer information with the identification indicia based on the cash-based fueling transaction; and
 - said customer information relates to the change due the customer as a result of the cash-based fueling transaction.

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40-43. (Canceled).

44. (Currently Amended) A fuel dispenser system comprising:
- a) a customer input device, display, and interrogator operatively associated with a dispenser control system;
 - b) said customer input device and display adopted to provide a customer interface;
 - c) said interrogator adapted to communicate with a remote communications unit associated with a customer;
 - d) said customer interface adapted to provide a cash transaction input for the customer to select a cash transaction corresponding to a contemporaneous fueling transaction;
 - e) said dispenser control system adapted to:
 - receive an indication from said customer interface that a customer has selected a cash-based fueling transaction;
 - apply a previous credit for increasing change associated with the fueling transaction;
 - and
 - cause said interrogator to retrieve identification indicia from the remote communications unit associated with the customer in response to receiving the indication; and
 - [[f]] associate customer information with the identification indicia based on the cash-based fueling transaction; and
 - [[g]] Ω said fuel dispenser includes a cash acceptor associated with said dispenser control system for receiving cash payment for the fueling transaction, said dispenser control system adapted to determine a change amount for the fueling transaction.

45. (Original) The fuel dispenser system of claim 44 wherein the change amount is transmitted to the remote communications unit.

46. (Currently Amended) The fuel dispenser system of claim 44 wherein the change amount is sent to the remote a second control system positioned remotely from the fuel dispenser system.

47-49. (Cancelled).

50. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 4 further comprising a transmitter operatively associated with said control system and adapted to transmit the customer related information to the remote communications unit associated with the customer.

51. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 4 wherein said control system includes memory for storing the customer related information in association with the identification indicia.

52. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 4 further comprising a cash acceptor operatively associated with said cash transaction indicator for conducting the cash transaction.

53. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 4 wherein the remote communications unit associated with the customer is adapted to be mounted on a vehicle.

54. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 4 wherein the remote communications unit associated with the customer is portable and capable of being carried by the customer.

55. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 4 wherein said control system includes a dispenser controller and a central controller located apart from said dispenser.

56. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 4 wherein said control system includes a dispenser controller.

57. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 4 wherein said control system includes a central controller located apart from said dispenser.

58. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 10 further comprising a transmitter operatively associated with said control system and adapted to transmit the customer related information to the remote communications unit associated with the customer.

59. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 10 wherein said control system includes memory for storing the customer related information in association with the identification indicia.

60. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 10 wherein the remote communications unit associated with the customer is adapted to be mounted on a vehicle.

61. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 10 wherein the remote communications unit associated with the customer is portable and capable of being carried by the customer.

62. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 10 wherein said control system includes a dispenser controller and a central controller located apart from said fuel dispenser.

63. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 10 wherein said control system includes a dispenser controller.

64. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 10 wherein said control system includes a central controller located apart from said fuel dispenser.

65. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 13 further comprising a transmitter operatively associated with said control system and adapted to transmit the customer related information to the remote communications unit associated with the customer.

66. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 13 wherein said control system includes memory for storing the customer related information in association with the identification indicia.

67. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 13 further comprising a cash acceptor operatively associated with said cash transaction indicator for conducting the cash transaction.
68. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 13 wherein the remote communications unit associated with the customer is adapted to be mounted on a vehicle.
69. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 13 wherein the remote communications unit associated with the customer is portable and capable of being carried by the customer.
70. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 13 wherein said control system includes a dispenser controller and a central controller located apart from said fuel dispenser.
71. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 13 wherein said control system includes a dispenser controller.
72. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 13 wherein said control system includes a central controller located apart from said fuel dispencr.
73. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 26 further comprising a transmitter operatively associated with said control system and adapted to transmit the customer related information to the remote communications unit associated with the customer.
74. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 26 wherein the remote communications unit associated with the customer is adapted to be mounted on a vehicle.
75. (New) The fuel dispensing system of claim 26 wherein the remote communications unit associated with the customer is portable and capable of being carried by the customer.
76. (New) The fuel dispenser system of claim 39 wherein the customer information is sent to the remote control system for storage.

77. (New) The fuel dispenser system of claim 39 wherein the customer information is transmitted to the remote communications unit by said interrogator.
78. (New) The fuel dispenser system of claim 39 wherein the customer information is sent to a remote host network for storage.
79. (New) The fuel dispenser system of claim 39 wherein said fuel dispenser includes a cash acceptor associated with said dispenser control system for receiving cash payment.
80. (New) The fuel dispenser system of claim 44 wherein the customer information is sent to the remote control system for storage.
81. (New) The fuel dispenser system of claim 44 wherein the customer information is transmitted to the remote communications unit by said interrogator.
82. (New) The fuel dispenser system of claim 44 wherein the customer information is sent to a remote host network for storage.
83. (New) The fuel dispenser system of claim 44 wherein said fuel dispenser includes a cash acceptor associated with said dispenser control system for receiving cash payment.